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SUBJECT: NORTH KOREA REPUTED TO BE INTERESTED IN PURCHASING JAPANESE
SATELLITE GROUND STATION

1. FOLLOWING ARTICLE IN ENTIRETY APPEARED IN AUGUST 5 ISSUE OF
NIHON KEIZAI SHIMBUN (JAPAN ECONOMIC JOURNAL):

2. QUOTE: MITSUBISHI ELECTRIC CORP. RECENTLY RECEIVED AN INQUIRY
FOR PURCHASE OF GROUND STATION EQUIPMENT FOR SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS
FROM NORTH KOREA, ACCORDING TO SOURCES CLOSE TO THE COMPANY.

3. QUOTE: THIS IS A VERY RARE CASE OF A JAPANESE ELECTRIC MACHINE
MAKER RECEIVING AN INQUIRY FOR SUCH COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT FROM
THE COMMUNIST COUNTRY, THE SOURCES SAY.

4. QUOTE: THIS IS BECAUSE JAPAN HAS VIRTUALLY NO RECORD OF
EXPORTING SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT TO NORTH KOREA AS
EXPORTS OF SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT TO A COMMUNIST
COUNTRY ARE PRONE TO VIOLATE THE COCOM (COORDINATING COMMITTEE
FOR EXPORT CONTROL) REGULATIONS.

5. QUOTE: THE SOURCES ALSO SAY THE GROUND STATION EQUIPMENT BEING
SOUGHT BY NORTH KOREA IS OF THE MEDIUM SCALE, USING A 30 METER
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DIAMETER PARABOLA ANTENNA AND WILL BE WORTH ABOUT 2 BILLION YEN.

6. QUOTE: MITSUBISHI ELECTRIC IS NOW STUDYING WHETHER OR NOT IT
WILL ENTER INTO ACTUAL NEGOTIATIONS WITH NORTH KOREA ON THE
LATTER'S INQUIRY, THE COMPANY IS AWARE THAT SUCH NEGOTIATIONS
MAY HAVE AN EFFECT ON THE CURRENT INTRICATE POLITICAL SITUATION
BETWEEN SOUTH AND NORTH KOREAS. ANOTHER FACTOR TO BE CONSIDERED
IS NORTH KOREA'S FOREIGN CURRENCY SITUATION WHICH AT THIS DATE
APPEARS POOR. UNQUOTE.
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